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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 15, 2002

APPLICATION OF

ESSENTIAL.COM, INC.

CASE NO. PUE000386

For a license to conduct
business as a competitive
service provider in electric
and natural gas retail access
pilot programs

DISMISSAL ORDER

On August 31, 2000, essential.com, inc. ("essential.com" or "the Company"), completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for licensure to conduct business as an electric and natural gas competitive service provider. The Company proposed to provide competitive electric and natural gas service in the retail access pilot programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"), Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power-Virginia ("AEP-VA"), Rappahannock Electric Cooperative ("REC"), Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL"), and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CGV").

By Order dated October 6, 2000, Essential.com was granted License Nos. PE-8 and PG-6 to provide competitive electric and natural gas service to commercial and residential customers

within the Virginia Power, AEP-VA, REC, WGL, and CGV retail access pilots. In granting these licenses, the Commission stated in its Order that these licenses would expire upon termination of the pilot programs unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

On June 19, 2001, the Commission entered its Final Order in Case No. PUE010013, adopting its Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services ("Retail Access Rules"), 20 VAC 5-312-10, et seq. This Order provided that each competitive service provider that wished to convert its pilot license to a permanent license to participate in retail access must submit a request to do so in writing to the Commission on or before August 31, 2001. We directed that: (i) each such request must include an attestation that the information provided and updated in its application for a pilot license is true and correct; (ii) the Company must attest that it will abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission, as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B; and (iii) the Company must include any changes to information previously provided to the Commission, as required by 20 VAC 5-312-20 R.

To date, essential.com has not filed a request to convert its pilot licenses to permanent licenses.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of essential.com's failure to request to convert its pilot licenses to permanent licenses, the

Commission is of the opinion and finds that essential.com's pilot licenses have expired, and this matter should be closed. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) essential.com's License Nos. PE-8 and PG-6 to provide competitive electric and natural gas service to commercial and residential customers in conjunction with the retail access pilots have expired. As a result, essential.com is no longer authorized to act as a competitive service provider in Virginia but may reapply for licensure at any time.

(2) This case is hereby dismissed.